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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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**AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A SURGICAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM
FOR THE LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

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SUBJECT

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of medical equipment with a purchase cost in excess of \$250,000 for the Department of Health Services' (DHS) LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC) Neurosurgery Department.

*To ensure access to high-quality,
patient-centered, cost-effective
health care to Los Angeles County
residents through direct services at
DHS facilities and through
collaboration with community and
university partners.*

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of a Surgical Navigation System for the LAC+USC MC Department of Neurosurgery at an estimated cost of \$385,507.



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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will enable the LAC+USC MC to acquire a replacement Surgical Navigation System for use by the Neurosurgery Department. The Surgical Navigation System enables Neurosurgeons to identify and visualize the precise location and boundaries of brain and spine tumors so they can plan the least invasive surgical path.

The existing Surgical Navigation System has reached the end of its recommended life cycle and is no longer calibrating. The LAC+USC MC Engineering Department and Manufacturer deemed the existing Surgical Navigation System non-repairable. LAC+USC MC is currently obtaining a rental unit at an approximate cost of \$2,800, on a "per case" basis, which has impacted surgery schedules with delays and further, not an economical feasible solution. The purchase of a replacement Surgical Navigation System will optimize patient care and minimize the potential for surgery cancellations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated acquisition cost of a Surgical Navigation System is \$385,507. This purchase will be financed over a five-year period using Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation (LAC-CAL) equipment financing. LAC-CAL financing costs over the five-year term will be \$78,409 resulting in a total financed equipment cost of \$463,916. Funding for the LAC-CAL lease payments are included in DHS' Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Budget and will be requested as a continuing appropriation in future fiscal years, as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the Board approved the classification categories for fixed assets and new requirements for major fixed asset (now referred to as capital asset) acquisitions requiring County departments to obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000, or greater, prior to submitting their requisitions to ISD.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of equipment falls under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent and will be accomplished in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by ISD.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommendation will allow DHS' LAC+USC MC Neurosurgery Department to provide optimal patient care services and minimize surgery delays for patients with brain or spine tumors.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Internal Services Department